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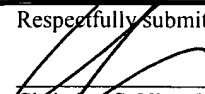
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on April 25, 2006, Applicants submit this Amendment After Final Rejection. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made in the final Office action in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants believe that no fee is due with this submission. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

Prior to further examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2;

Remarks begin on page 5.